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LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES ON I-215
REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2004

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues work on improvements to the 60-91-215 Interchange and Interstate 215. **Nighttime** lane restrictions and ramp closures will be in effect as the contractor prepares for construction, and may create delays. The closures are necessary to re-stripe ramps and install K-rail on the mainline in preparation for freeway widening and bridge reconstruction. **There will be no work on Wednesday, March 31 due to the Cesar Chavez holiday.**

The following **ramp** closures are planned:

- Intermittent ramp closures on the I-215 southbound on-ramp from Blaine and the southbound off-ramp to University will be in effect from **10:00 p.m. to 5 a.m.** on March 29 and 30, and April 1 and 2.
- Intermittent ramp closures on the I-215 northbound on-ramp from University and the northbound off-ramp to Blaine will be in effect from **9:00 p.m. to 4 a.m.** on March 29 and 30, and April 1 and 2.

The following **lane** closures are planned:

- On northbound I-215 between University and Spruce **traffic will be restricted to one lane on March 29 and April 1 and 2, from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.** There will be no work on the

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nights of March 30 or 31st. In addition, work is scheduled during the early morning of April 1, from 12 midnight to 4 a.m.

- On southbound I-215 between Spruce and University **traffic will be restricted to one lane on March 29 and April 1 and 2, from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.** There will be no work on the nights of March 30 or 31st. In addition, work is scheduled during the early morning of April 1, from 12 midnight to 4 a.m.

Long term closure of the carpool lane on I-215 between Blaine and University in both directions will be in effect for at least 15 months.

This project's many improvements include widening I-215 from the interchange to past the 60-215 split, and reconstructing the existing bridges over the freeway. By widening the freeway, Caltrans will be able to extend the carpool lane from University to just west of the 60-215 split, where it will join a carpool lane currently under construction. Carpool lanes improve commute times for motorists, and spare the air.

The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP), a special team of tow trucks that travel on selected freeways during peak hours to assist drivers when their cars break down, will be active at this work location during construction. In addition to peak periods, the FSP will be available throughout the day to assist motorists who may become stranded in the area. The FSP is funded by Caltrans and the Riverside County Transportation Commission, and was created to keep Riverside County's freeways moving.

Motorists are advised to use caution and allow extra time, and as always, slow for the cone zone. The safety of roadway workers depends on the motoring public.

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